Fun With Email Accounts : Part 1

(Whilst we heartily endorse fun, we do not endorse the cruel use of email accounts)

Note: Read all of this carefully before following any of these instructions.

For this activity, you need to have two email accounts, each with the ability to automatically forward incoming mail to another email address.

If you do not have two such email account, you will need to set up enough so that you do have two. Remember to read the conditions and terms of use well, as it may not be permitted for you to have fun like this with all email accounts. It is important to choose an email client, which will hold a large amount of data before 'filling' and rejecting incoming email.

Once you have two suitable email accounts, which for these purposes we will call email@a and email@b, you may begin.

Now remember, at least one of these email accounts needs to be one that receives email. So, if you have just set up both of these accounts you should at least use one of them to email people that are likely to reply (you can just wait for the spam to start to hit, but we would like to think that, especially with a new email account, people you have emailed should provide more reliable incoming mail. Let's face it people, when you want spam, sometimes you don't get it, but that's spam, right!), and if you are really keen, provoke email with both accounts.

Make sure that you disable spam filters, or that you have a number of people on the safe list (or whatever your email client calls it), as you need to know that the mail is actually going to hit the inbox. Especially make sure that emails from email@a are accepted by email@b, and emails from email@b are accepted by email@a. This is *very* important.

Now, all that done, you should be ready to begin.

Carefully set email@a to redirect all incoming mail to email@b. Then, carefully set email@b to redirect all incoming mail to email@a.

Now sit back and wait.

It is best to do this just before you will be unable to check you email for sometime.

Remember! It's FUN!!

Next Time: Going through your email inbox, in style!